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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>7/16/2003</u> . | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: ____ |

DETAILED ACTION

Information Disclosure Statement

The IDS filed 7/16/2003 has been considered and placed of record. An initialed copy is attached herewith.

Specification

The title of the invention is not descriptive. A new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.

The disclosure should be carefully reviewed to ensure that any and all grammatical, idiomatic, and spelling or other minor errors are corrected.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1, 2, 5-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Mori et al. (US 6,398,592). The reference discloses a connector for charging having, *inter alia*, a housing 23 having an outer surface and a hollow cylindrical interior wherein an

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actuator 2 is disposed and reciprocated therein. A spring 5 with a conductive contact 4 disposed within the hollow interior and is capable of compression and decompression along the reciprocated axis. See column 4, lines 20-34; figure 1. The actuator moves in a decompression direction in response to the actuator to a detent position 58 corresponds to the contacts of the device. See column 7, lines 20-45.

Claims 18 and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Liautaud et al. (US 4,588,938). The reference discloses a charger and its method for coupling a device to its base for charging having the steps of, *inter alia*, providing an actuator 74, 75 at a base 53, contacting the headset device (a walkie-talkie device 14) with the actuator such that the actuator lifts the base station contacts 32, 33 away from the body 14 and releasing the headset device contacts 64, 65 away from the base station contacts 32, 33. See column 5, lines 20-30.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 3, 4, 9-17, 20 and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mori et al. (US 6,398,592) in view of Liautaud et al. (US 4,588,938).

The reference '592 does not disclose the embodiment be used in a portable

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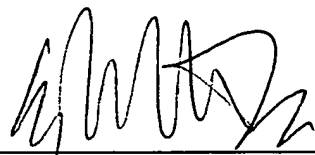
communication device such as a headset. Reference '938 discloses a charging contact configuration for a walkie-talkie device (headset) wherein the device can be easily be disposed on the base station for charging its batteries. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art to have modified the device of Mori to accommodate the walkie-talkie of Liautaud so that the charging contacts on both the device and the base station maybe hermetically sealed to prevent dust and/or foreign particles coming into contact with the contacts in order to prolong the life of the device.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to the Examiner at the below-listed number.

If attempts to reach the Examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's supervisor, Mike Sherry, can be reached on 571 272 2084.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 571 272 2800, Monday-Friday, 8:30am to 5:00pm, EST.

By: 
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